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Subject: RE: Notice of Violation

Recently, the MWRA issued a Notice of Violation to the JP Campus for exceeding the wastewater discharge limit for chloroform. The Violation requires a written explanation of why the exceedance occurred followed by three consecutive days of re-sampling to assure that the pollutant is no longer being discharged.

After receiving the violation, I investigated all of the labs in the building where chloroform is used and spoke to lab personnel. Everyone appeared to be following proper procedures for use and disposal of the material and no one that I spoke to recalled any recent mishap or sink discharge. Since this appeared to be a random event with no acknowledged source, I scheduled the requisite re-sampling. The results from the first day of sampling, Monday, were negative. Unfortunately, the results from the Tuesday sampling again exceeded the discharge limits. This most likely indicates that there is either an ongoing discharge of chloroform into one of the sinks or there had been a previous discharge that periodically leaches into the wastewater.

In order to avoid a more serious Notice of Noncompliance it is essential that the source of the chloroform is eliminated. I will return to the user labs to investigate further. I would appreciate your help in this effort by also reviewing this matter with your labs.

Thank you,

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